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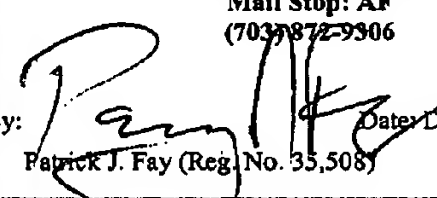
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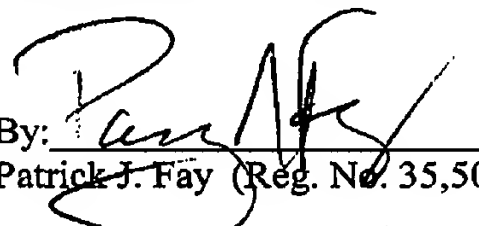
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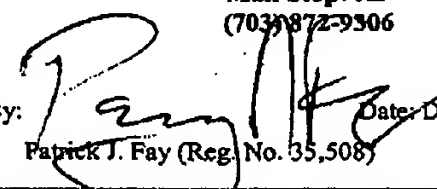
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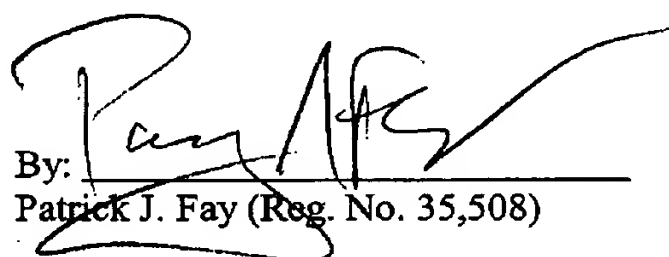
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Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner made in the Final Office Action dated August 12, 2004 and the Advisory Action dated November 18, 2004 rejecting claims 43-46 and 61.

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